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TWENTY-SECOND YEAR.

## IT IS PASSED.

The Senate Passes the Seigniorage Bill Today.

The Vote Stood 44 For to 31 Against.

MARTIN AND PEPPER

Voted For the Bill as Passed.

There Were a Number of Pairs.

Washington, March 15.—The Bland seigniorage bill was taken up by the senate this afternoon and Mr. Carey of Wyoming concluded his argument before adjournment yesterday. He was followed by Mr. Dubois of Idaho.

At 2 o'clock the senate passed the seigniorage bill. Yeas 44, nays 31.

The following is the detailed vote:

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The pairs were: Camden, for, with Gray against; Hill, for, with Dixon against; Jones (Nev.) for, with Hord against; Vande for, with Sherman against.

Senators Squire and Cameron did not vote.

Yesterday Squire voted in favor of the bill and Cameron was paired in its favor.

The bill is sent to the president tomorrow for his signature. Whether he will sign it or not, remains to be seen. The belief is that he will sign it, though some persons hint that he will allow the bill to become law without his signature.

But whatever can be said of Grover Cleveland he cannot be successfully accused of cowardice and there is every reason to believe that he will either sign or veto it. If he signs according to the best judgment of the great financiers of the country, he will vote the measure without delay.

But there are many Democrats who are trying to make him believe that party interests demand the approval of the bill. There are two members of the cabinet who believe that he will approve the bill. The old cabinet members are unrepresented. The bill, as passed is just as it came from the house.

The result of the vote today was no surprise. It had been foreseen for some time. The responsibility for its passage at this time lies with the Republicans. But for them it would have been sent to the Finance committee and there it would have been amended so as to strip it of several of its inconveniences and probably of one or two of its most dangerous provisions. But the Republicans hoped by bringing up the bill without reference, to keep it before the Senate for an indefinite length of time at the expense of the tariff bill.

The Republicans deemed the scheme full of promise of much political advantage and lent themselves to it and just to help it along, Senator Stewart added his free coinage amendments. But Mr. Bland saw the opportunity for passing the bill. He let Stewart into the secret and that senator, realizing that there was no hope of passing his free coinage amendments at present, withdrew them.

Then catching the Republicans off their guard the Blandites passed the bill to its third reading before the enemy knew what was going on. Had the Blandites judged their advantage they could have passed the bill that day, but they had confidence in the security of their grip and generously permitted some debate.

The galleries were filled today by people and quite a number of members came over from the house. Among the letter was Mr. Bland, who has been a constant attendant since the debate in the house began.

WHAT THE BILL MEANS.

An explanation of the Seigniorage Bill Passed Today.

Mr. S. M. Thacher of the City Real Estate Trust company who has made a special study of the seigniorage bill, came today for an explanation of what the bill is and what it means to the country.

The government has been buying silver for several years under the Sherman law at the market price.

The silver has not been coined but held in the government vaults for the redemption of the silver certificates issued upon it.

If the silver bought by the government was coined into standard silver dollars it would pay all the silver certificates issued for the silver bought and leave a large sum, fifty-five millions or more as "profit" or "gold," or "seigniorage" to the government.

The bill passed today proposes to coin and pay out for government expenses the seigniorage.

"If it amounts to fifty-five million dollars it inflates the currency by just that amount."

"If all the silver held by the government was sold today at the market price it would not bring dollars enough to redeem the silver certificates."

The gold fellows who contend that silver is worth no more than it will sell for in gold hold that it is dishonest and wrong for the government to use this fifty-five millions of dollars of silver when all the silver owned by the government is not worth enough to pay the silver certificates.

The free silver men, on the contrary,

say: "Give all the silver. Pay standard silver dollars for silver certificates, and pay the government expenses with the balance."

### NEEDS SOME PILLS.

The billion man who has the dyspepsia and diets on slate pencils steeped in vinegar, seems to have broken into the Capital office at an early hour this morning and given the office boy a heavy editorial whiz which was used today as a space filler in our esteemed, but somewhat soggy and stupid contemporary.

We are quite sure the gallant and smiling major, who presides over our morning luminary must have gone home. He certainly would not write such rot as appears in his columns today; and then too with all his ill the major has quite a sunny pleasant disposition that is not in harmony with the rage and violence rampant in the tree-for-all-sweepstakes—Morrill—Morton—Haizer—Hoeh—Lindsey—McLaurin—Martin—Mills—Mitchell (Oregon)—Morgan—Pascoe—Peffer—Perkins—Prestigrew—Power—Pugh—Quay—Kinnison—Ranch—Shoup—Stewart—Teller—Turpin—Vast—Veeder—White—Woldson—Wilson.

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## UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Denver Hears the Tramp of Military Men Today.

Gov. Waite Summons the Militia of Colorado

TO SUBDUER OPPONENTS.

Determined to Name His Own Officials.

Fire Department to Quell Disturbances With Water.

DENVER, March 15.—The people of Denver awoke this morning to find themselves under martial law. The fire-eating governor of Colorado, from his lofty perch on the eighth floor of the Equitable building, had late last night summoned the First regiment Colorado National Guards, the signal corps attached to the First brigade Colorado National Guards and the Cheyenne Light artillery to assemble at their armory at 1 o'clock p.m. today for the purpose of placing his new appointees to the fire and police board in office.

Long before this hour, the streets leading to the city hall were crowded with spectators and sympathizers of both the governor's faction and that of the old board.

The police force is massed at headquarters heavily armed, while reinforcements from the sheriff's office, armed with Winchester rifles, are held in reserve in the basement of the city hall.

Chief Pearce, of the fire department, is massed at headquarters heavily armed, while reinforcements from the sheriff's office, armed with Winchester rifles, are held in reserve in the basement of the city hall.

Should the water prove unavailing in putting the hall from the invading forces, the men are stationed as to open fire from behind the walls of the city building. At noon Sheriff Bartholomew telephoned to Fort Logan to ascertain whether, in case of need, he could secure any assistance from the government troops.

The answer was that the commander of the fort could do nothing until he had telephoned to Washington and received orders from the war department.

Col. Wells Taylor of Hayes, attorney for Messrs. Martin and Vast, told the sheriff and whom the government would be advised to do if he attempted to interfere with the militia attempt to interfere contrary to the injunction granted by Judge Graham, he will immediately be arrested for contempt of court and thrown into the county jail.

Witnesses at the city hall have been suspended until 2 o'clock. A conference between the two factions is now being held at the stationhouse, looking to a compromise.

2:30 p.m.—Telephones message just received from the state army at Twenty-sixth and Carris streets says: Two hundred and fifty militia with gatling gun and battering ram have left for the city hall, under command of Col. Hough.

3 p.m.—The militia are now within four blocks of the city hall. It is reported they have orders to fire on the building immediately on refusal of police to grant them possession. A cordon of armed police surround the city hall and a battle looks inevitable.

READY FOR ACTION.

Gatling Guns Trained on the City Hall as Denver.

DENVER, March 15.—At 3:10 p.m. the militia arrived at the corner of Fourteenth and Lawrence streets, at the old chamber of commerce building, and were drawn up in line of battle. The gatling guns were trained on the city hall ready to open fire.

The police force were drawn up on the main floor of the city hall, armed with rifles and shot-guns ready for action. All the offices in the city building, excepting those of the police department, were closed and the occupants went into the hall prepared to leave the building at a moment's notice.

BLOODSHED AT DENVER.

But Not at the City Hall Where it Was Expected.

DENVER, March 15.—The first human bloodshed in Denver today was not at the city hall, where the warring fire and police board factions were expected to come into collision with the state militia, as a body guard for one of the factions, but at the notorious dive and resort for thieves, the "Hog Ranch," Twenty-first and McNuss street.

Shortly before 10 o'clock City Detective Carberry and Deputy Sheriff Alex Arnett, arrived on the scene to raid the "Hog," in search of stolen goods.

Some six or eight vagabonds were found in the place and they resisted arrest. The officers drew their revolvers and opened fire. A general melee ensued, in which one of the inmates of the ranch was killed and another badly wounded. Their names are not yet known.

Private Secretary Loring says nothing but surrender will be accepted.

Adjutant General Tarnay has relieved Col. Hough from command of the regiment. Col. Hough is under arrest and it is thought removal was on this account. The sheriff's office is in sympathy with the police.

3:30 p.m.—Governor Waite has extended his time for surrender of the